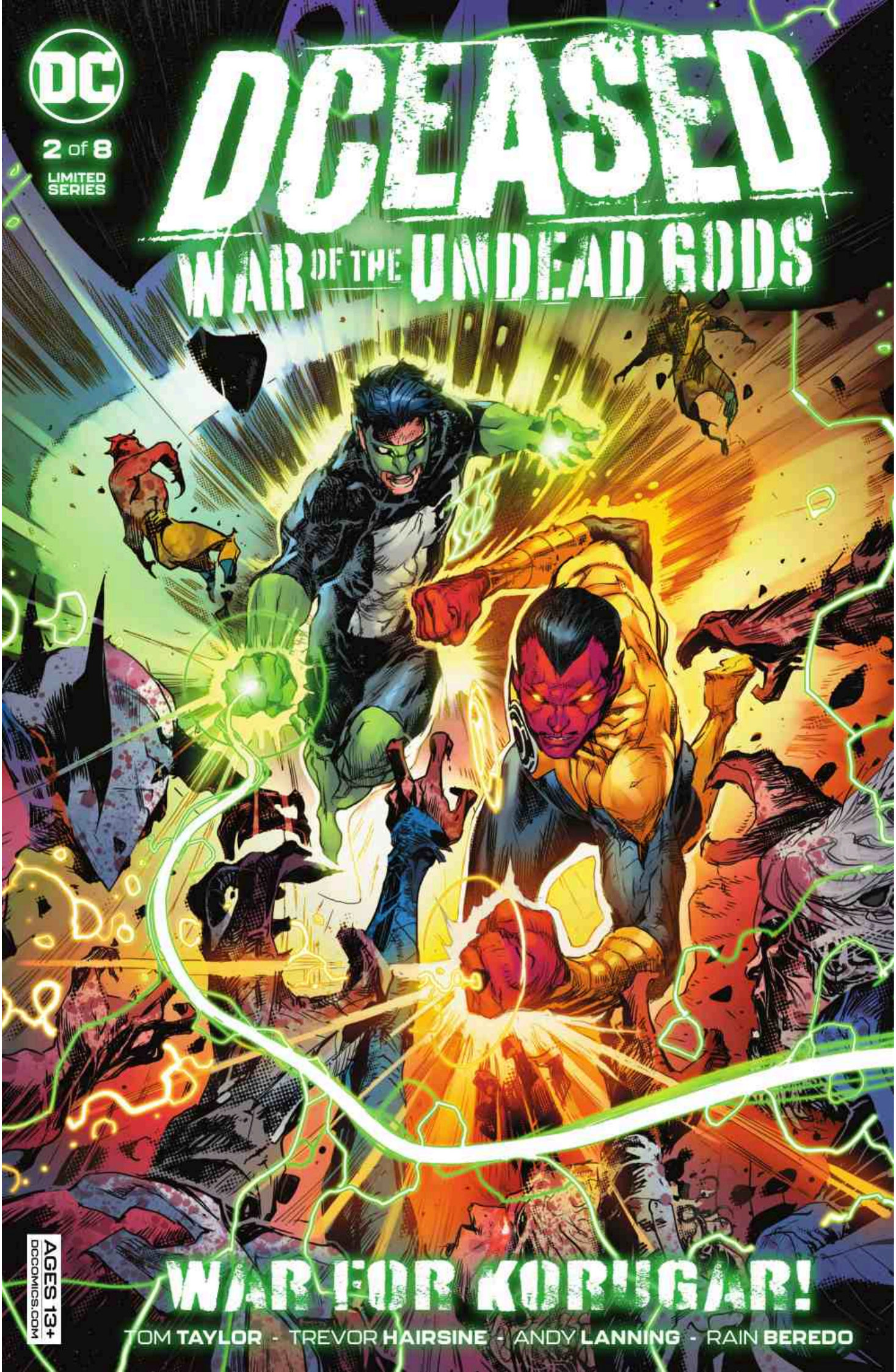
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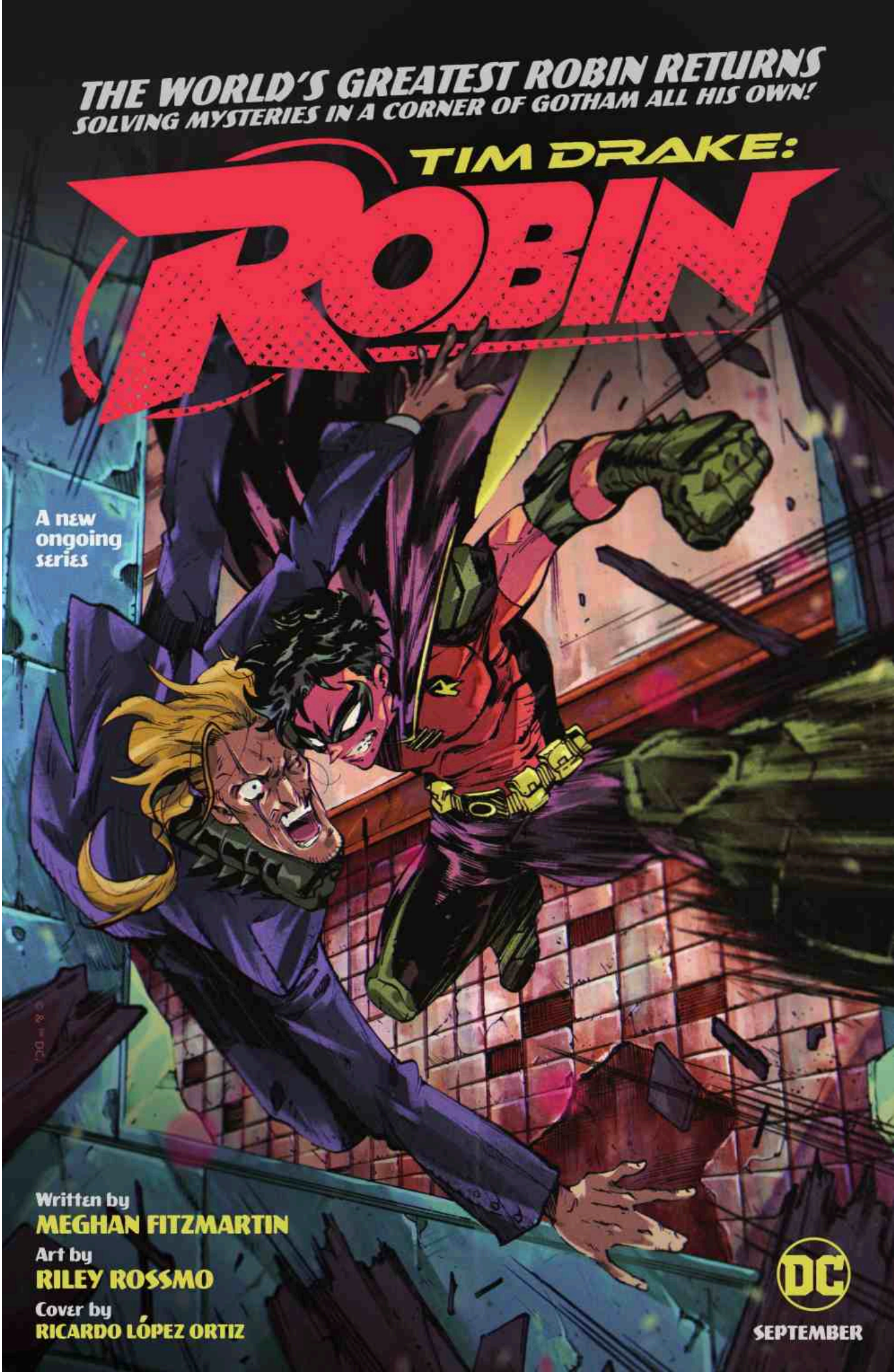

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BIG BARDA WAS THE FIRST TO BE CURED OF THE ANTI-LIFE VIRUS.
SHE LOST SO MUCH TIME.
IT HAD BEEN FIVE YEARS SINCE SHE'D SEEN HER SON.
BOOM
HAS HE GROWN?
HE HAS. BUT HE'S STILL OUR BOY.
EVERY PART OF BARDA WAS DESPERATE TO SEE HER CHILD WHEN SHE WAS BROUGHT BACK FROM DARKNESS, BUT SHE AND SCOTT FREE WERE HEROES, AND THEY STAYED TO FIGHT TO CURE THE EARTH.
HE COULD BE ANGRY.
SURE. BUT HE'LL BE ANGRIER AT ME. I MEAN, I AVOIDED BEING A PARENT BECAUSE OF THE GUILT I FELT WHEN YOU WERE TAKEN.
AT LEAST *YOU* WERE DEAD.
YOU'RE RIGHT. AS EXCUSES GO, MINE IS BETTER.
FIVE YEARS AFTER SHE WAS INFECTED, BARDA TRAVELED TO NEW GENESIS WITH HER HUSBAND, SCOTT FREE.
THE TWO GODS STEPPED THROUGH A BOOM TUBE. READY TO SEE THEIR SON AGAIN IN PARADISE...

...BUT THE HOME OF THE NEW GODS WAS PARADISE NO MORE.
THE CELESTIAL CITY HAD FALLEN.
THEIR HOME GONE. FAMILY. FRIENDS. BUT BARDA ONLY HAD ONE THOUGHT IN THAT MOMENT.
JACOB.

WHERE IS HE?!
THE ONLY CLUE IN THE CELESTIAL CITY TO THE MISSING GODS WAS A DARK PORTAL.
BARDA! WAIT!
WE HAVE NO IDEA WHAT'S HAPPENED TO THAT BOOM TUBE, OR WHERE IT LEADS.
JACOB COULD BE THROUGH THERE. I'M GOING IN, SCOTT.
AND THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN THE END OF BIG BARDA...
STOP!

...BUT HER LIFE WAS SAVED BY DEATH.
YOU CANNOT!
HNNG!
BARDA!
SHE IS A GOD. SHE WILL HEAL.
WHAT IS THAT?
WHAT THE HELL HAPPENED HERE, BLACK RACER?

DARKSEID.
DARKSEID IS DEAD.
YES.
UNLIVING DARKSEID STRUCK.
ALL THAT WEREN'T KILLED ARE NOW AGENTS OF THE ANTI-LIFE.
THE MOTHER BOXES HAVE BEEN INFECTED WITH THE ANTI-LIFE VIRUS JUST AS THE NEW GODS HAVE BEEN.
AND NOW ONLY THE DEAD OR UNLIVING CAN PASS THROUGH THE DOOM TUBES.
WHERE DO THE DOOM TUBES LEAD?

"WHERE IS UNLIVING DARKSEID?"
THE FIRST PLANET THE UNDEAD GODS STRUCK WAS KORUGAR.
IT WAS HOME TO SEVEN BILLION PEOPLE.
AAGHHH!
AARRH!
AAH!

THEY HAD HIGHLY TRAINED SOLDIERS...
THIS IS KORUGAR PLANETARY DEFENSE.
...AND ADVANCED WEAPONS.
WE ARE UNDER ATTACK!
KA-BOOM
KA-BOOM
KA-BOOM
BUT THEY WERE NOTHING IN THE FACE OF DEITIES CONTROLLED BY THE ANTI-LIFE.
WE'RE DYING. WE'RE--
THE ENTIRE PLANET!
THEY WERE SLAUGHTERED.
BUT A CRY FOR HELP MADE IT OUT.

THE DISTRESS CALL WAS BROADCAST OUT ACROSS KORUGAR'S ENTIRE SPACE SECTOR.
THIS IS KORUGAR PLANETARY DEFENSE.
WE ARE UNDER ATTACK!
THE ENTIRE PLANET!
IT REACHED WARWORLD. A PLANETOID OF DESTRUCTION FLOATING THROUGH SPACE.
AND AT WARWORLD'S HEART SAT KORUGAR'S MOST INFAMOUS CITIZEN, THAAL SINESTRO...
WE'RE DYING. WE'RE--
THEY SOUND AFRAID, SINESTRO.
...AND HIS YELLOW LANTERN CORPS, ALL FUELED BY FEAR.
WE MOVE FOR KORUGAR NOW, ARKILLO.
WE'RE SAVING THEM?
I WILL NOT LET MY PLANET DIE.
A THREAT TO US ALL TURNED ENEMIES INTO ALLIES.

IT MADE FOR SOME VERY UNLIKELY PARTNERSHIPS.
EARTH-2.
YOU CAN'T SERIOUSLY BE THINKING OF WORKING WITH BRAINIAC. YOU KNOW HOW MANY PLANETS HE'S DESTROYED?
AS SOMEONE WHO PUTS HIS FOOT IN HIS MOUTH EVERY FEW SENTENCES, I'M NO FAN OF CANCEL CULTURE.
BUT EVEN I THINK IT'S A BAD IDEA TO TEAM UP WITH THE POSTER BOY FOR GALACTIC GENOCIDE.
YOU KNOW HE'S RIGHT HERE.
AND?
SHOULD I BE WORRIED ABOUT HURTING THE FEELINGS OF A PLANET-KILLING SUPER-VILLAIN?
I UNDERSTAND YOUR HESITANCE AND DISTRUST.

I OFFER YOU THIS AS A SHOW OF GOOD FAITH.
WHAT'S THAT?

IT IS KANDOR.
THE LAST SURVIVING CITY OF KRYPTON.

AND WHY ARE YOU WILLING TO GIVE THIS UP, BRAINIAC?
I COLLECT KNOWLEDGE. IF THE UNIVERSE DIES, KNOWLEDGE DIES WITH IT.

DESPITE THE CONSIDERABLE POWER AT MY DISPOSAL, UNLIVING DARKSEID TORE ME IN HALF. I BARELY ESCAPED THE ATTACK.
UNLESS YOU CAN HALT THEM, THE UNDEAD GODS WILL SPREAD THE ANTI-LIFE EQUATION ACROSS THE STARS.
THE UNIVERSE *WILL* END.

HOW DO YOU KNOW THE UNIVERSE WILL END?
I AM A NINTH-LEVEL INTELLIGENCE.
A NINTH-LEVEL INTELLIGENCE? WHAT THE HELL DOES THAT MEAN?
WHO EVEN CAME UP WITH THE LEVELS?
I DID.
WELL, ISN'T THAT CONVENIENT.
AND LET ME GUESS, THIS SCALE OF YOURS GOES UP TO NINE?
IT CAN, THEORETICALLY, REACH THIRTEEN.
AND YOU'RE ONLY A *NINE?*
I'M AN *ELEVEN* ON THE GUY GARDNER GREATNESS SCALE.
AND THE SCALE ONLY GOES UP TO *SIX.* THAT'S JUST HOW GOOD I AM.
BUT YOU, IT'S LIKE YOU CREATED YOUR OWN COMPETITION TO PAT YOURSELF ON THE BACK, AND THEN ONLY AWARDED YOURSELF A *PARTICIPATION TROPHY.*
FOR A GUY CALLED *BRAINIAC,* YOU'RE A BIT OF AN IDIOT.

DO YOU HAVE AN IDEA HOW TO FIGHT THIS, BRAINIAC?
NOW WE'RE ASKING HIM FOR *ADVICE?* LOIS, YOU CAN'T BE--

I DIDN'T EXIST FOR FIVE YEARS, GUY.
I WAS AN AGENT OF THE ANTI-LIFE EQUATION AND NOTHING MORE.

WE ARE FACING THE END OF ALL LIFE.
I WILL DO ANYTHING TO STOP THAT FROM HAPPENING. I WILL DO WHATEVER I CAN TO PROTECT THE SPARK IN THIS UNIVERSE.
WITH EVERY WASTED WORD WE SPEAK HERE, THE ANTI-LIFE SPREADS AND MORE LIFE SLIPS INTO DARKNESS.
THE ODDS OF YOU SAVING EXISTENCE--
ARE IRRELEVANT.
WE WILL REACH OUT TO EVERY ALLY WE HAVE IN THE UNIVERSE.

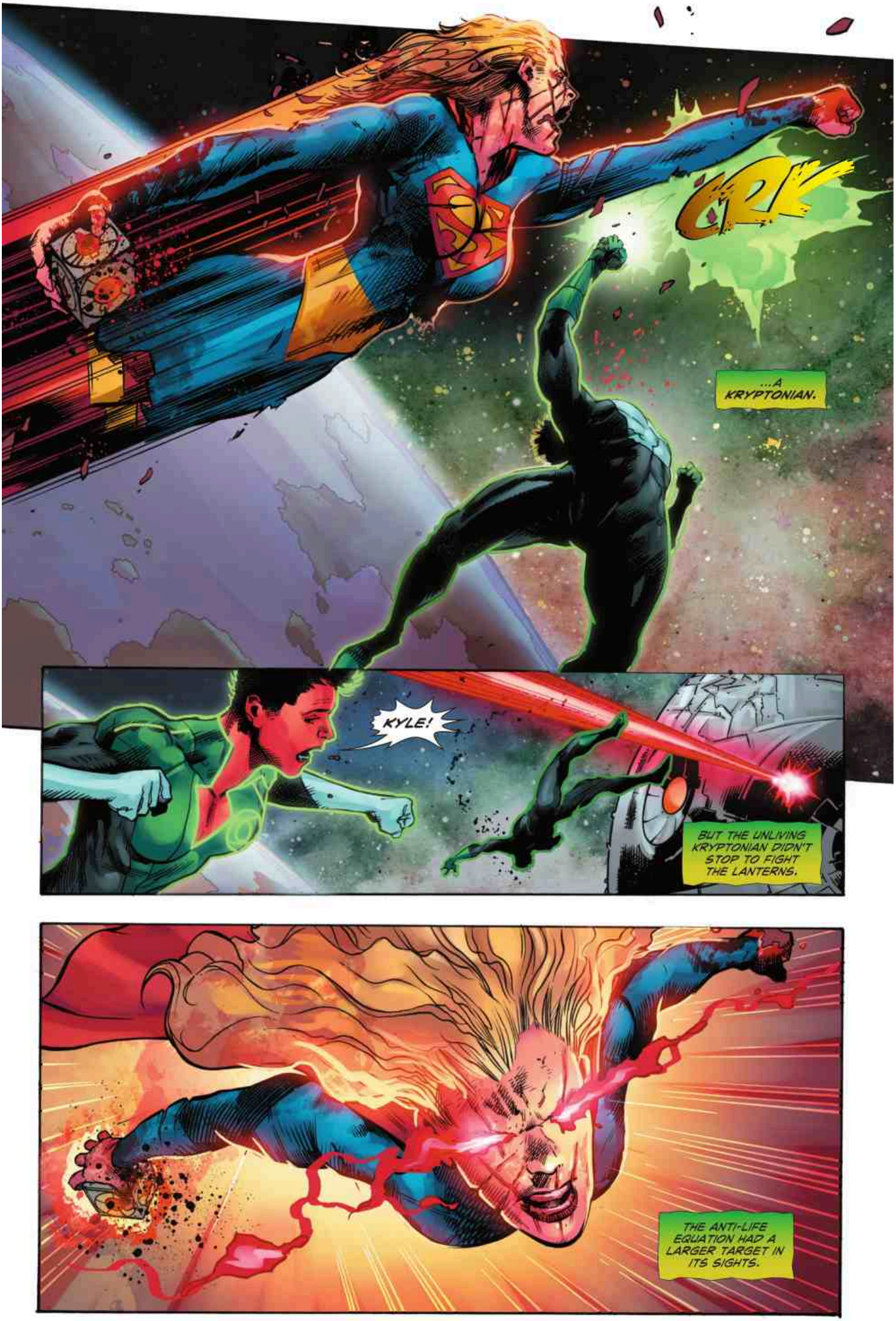
"WE WILL FIGHT BACK."
FIRE!
THE SINESTRO CORPS BROUGHT WARWORLD TO KORUGAR.
THEY TARGETED EVERY UNLIVING GOD ON THE PLANET...

...AND UNLEASHED.

BUT THEIR BLASTS NEVER HIT THE PLANET.

KORUGAR'S DISTRESS CALL WASN'T ONLY HEARD BY SINESTRO.
WHAT?

IT ALSO REACHED TWO GREAT GREEN LANTERNS. SORANIK NATU AND HER HUSBAND, KYLE RAYNER.
SORANIK!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, FATHER?
THIS IS NOT WHAT YOU THINK IT IS, DAUGHTER.
I AM NOT ATTACKING OUR WORLD.
WE LITERALLY JUST STOPPED YOU FIRING ON IT.
YOU WANT TO PRETEND YOU DON'T HAVE A GIANT PLANETOID FULL OF GUNS BEHIND YOU?
GET OUT OF OUR WAY, GREEN LANTERN.
AND THEN CAME SOMETHING NEITHER GREEN LANTERN NOR YELLOW COULD POSSIBLY HAVE FORESEEN...
INCOMING THREAT.
HUH?
INCOMING--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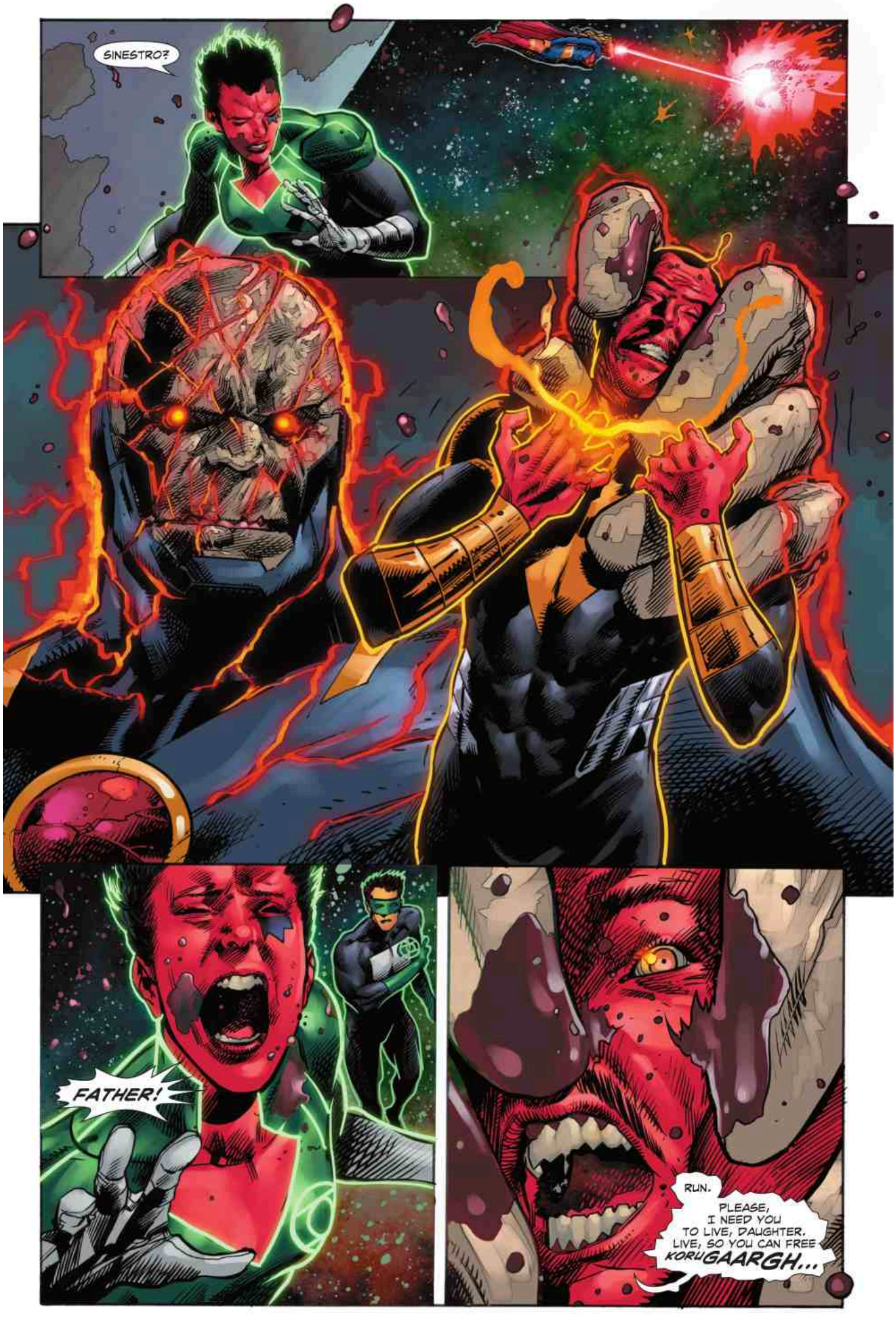
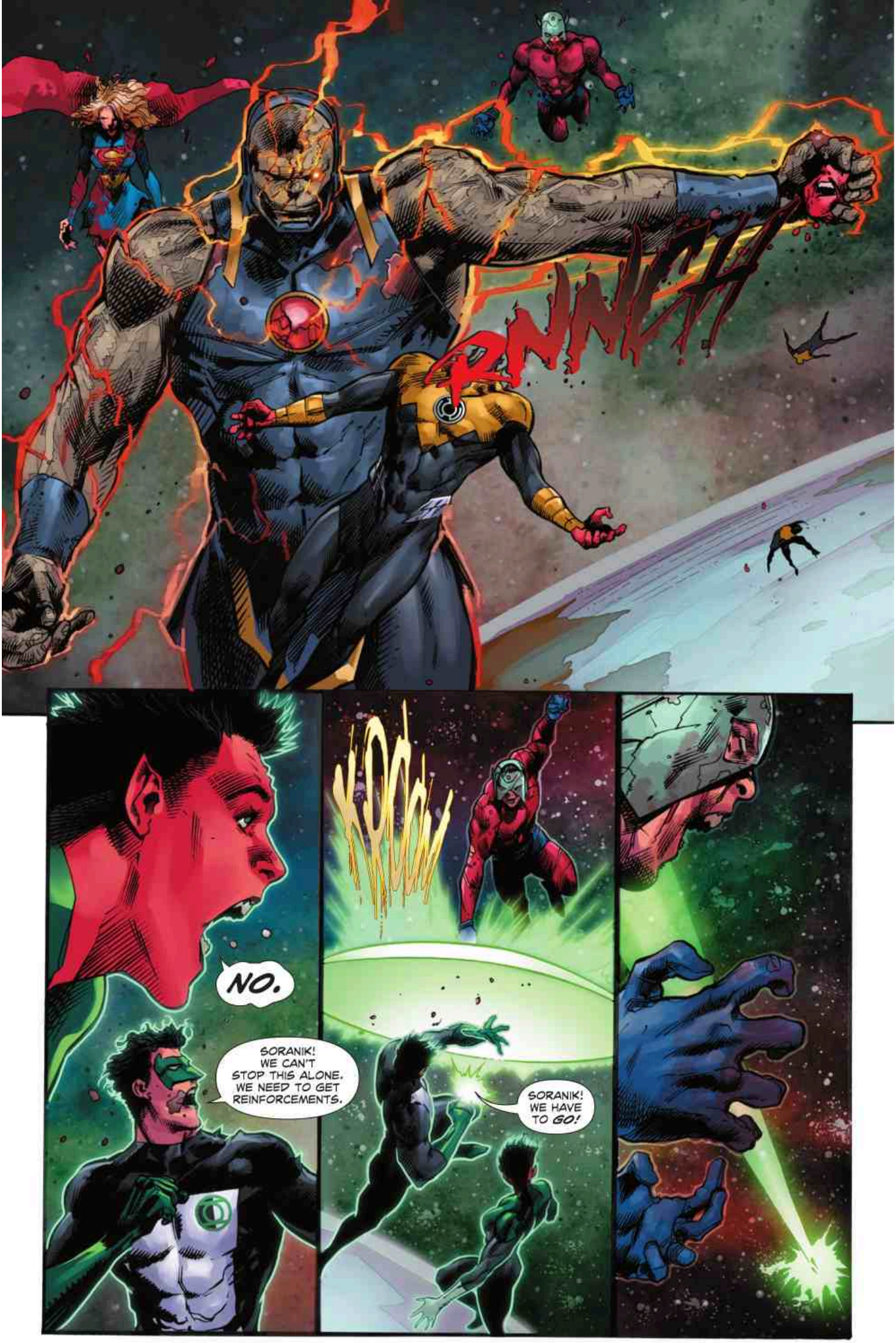
...A KRYPTONIAN.
KYLE!
BUT THE UNLIVING KRYPTONIAN DIDN'T STOP TO FIGHT THE LANTERNS.
THE ANTI-LIFE EQUATION HAD A LARGER TARGET IN ITS SIGHTS.

THE TECHNO-ORGANIC VIRUS ATTACHED...
...AND INFECTED THE LARGEST, MOST DESTRUCTIVE COMPUTER IN THE GALAXY.
IT TOOK WARWORLD.
OH @#$%.

THOOM
KYLE, CAN YOU HEAR ME?
=HNNE
SORANIK. FOCUS!
DARKSEID IS COMING!
DARKSEID?

DON'T HOLD BACK! USE EVERYTHING!
WE HAVE TO DESTROY HIM!
UNLIVING DARKSEID UNLEASHED.
FOR A MOMENT, ALL WAS IN EQUILIBRIUM.
THE GOD'S OMEGA BEAMS VERSUS THE FEAR AND WILLPOWER OF A FATHER AND DAUGHTER.
THEN THE EQUILIBRIUM WAS BROKEN.


SINESTRO?
FATHER!
RUN.
PLEASE, I NEED YOU TO LIVE, DAUGHTER. LIVE, SO YOU CAN FREE KORU
GAARGH...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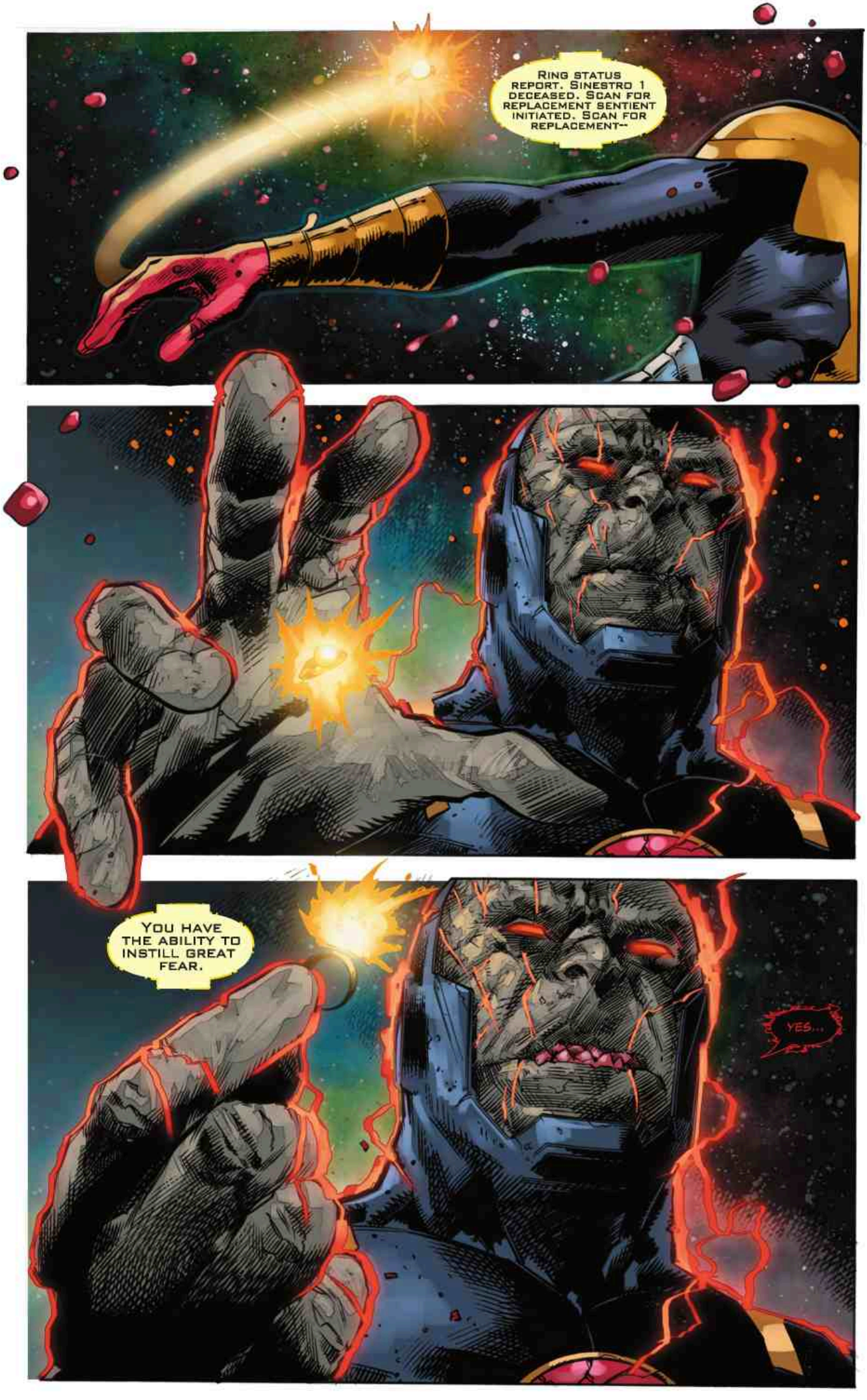
NO.
SORANIK! WE CAN'T STOP THIS ALONE. WE NEED TO GET REINFORCEMENTS.
KRAK
SORANIK! WE HAVE TO GO!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YOU HAVE THE ABILITY TO INSTILL GREAT FEAR.
YES...

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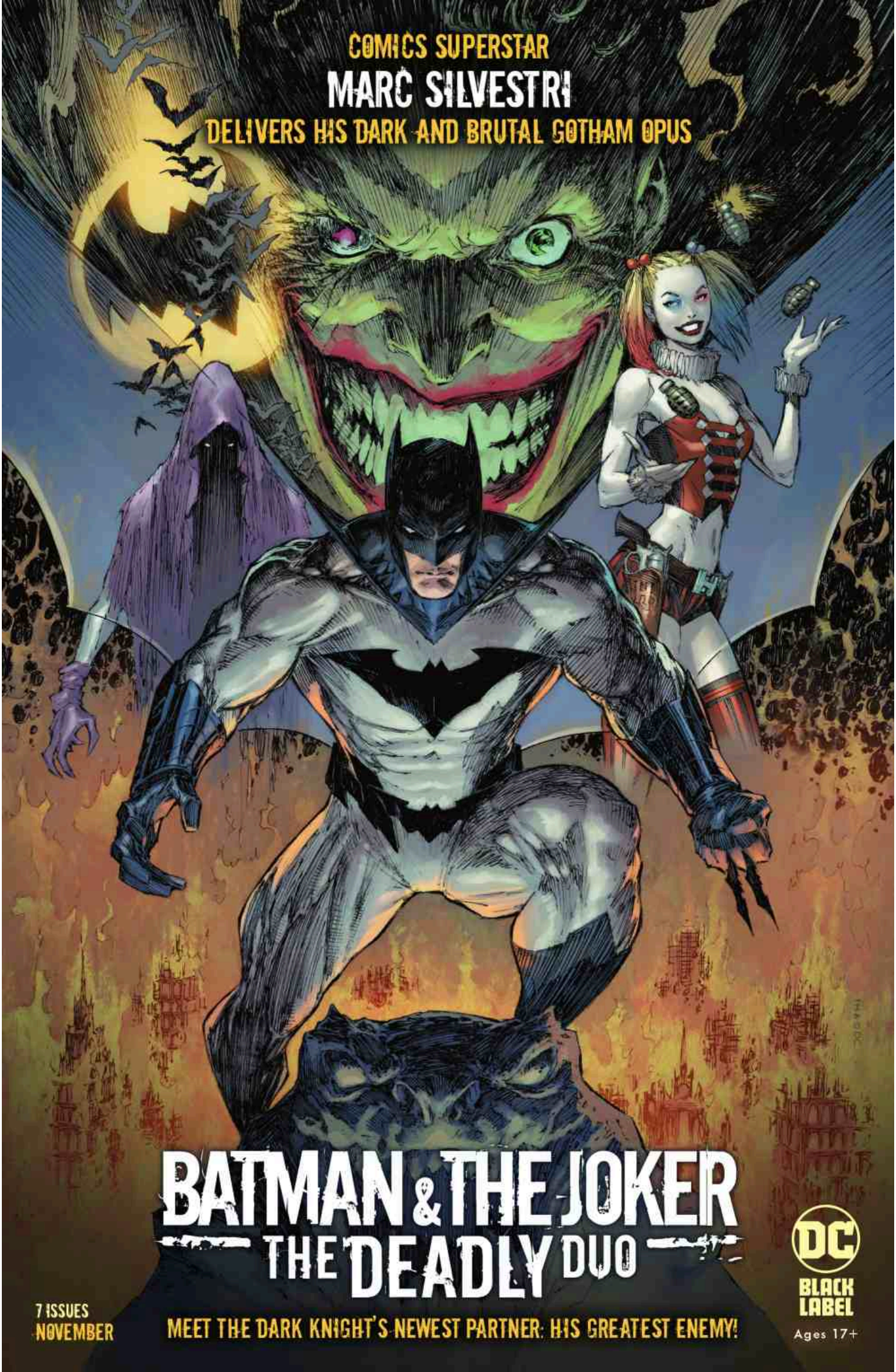
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C'MON, DUDE, SERIOUSLY? FOR THE LAST TIME, SIT!
CUTE AND DUMB...STORY'A MY LIFE...
IF I WAS A RAT, I'D PROBABLY DATE YOU.
HERE.
NICE TO SEE YOU MAKING FRIENDS...
THEN AGAIN, YOUR COMMON GENUS RATTUS DOES ENJOY THE COMPANY OF ITS OWN KIND. SPEAKING OF WHICH...
...DO YOU REALLY THINK HE'LL COME FOR YOU?
AND WHEN WE'RE DONE, WE'RE GONNA CHOP YA INTA KIBBLE, AND FEED YOUR LOSER $#% TO ALL MY LITTLE PALS.
OH, HARLEY. WELL...
OH, YOU BETCHA! MY PUDDIN'S GONNA COME BUSTIN' IN HERE LIKE A PASTY-FACED RAMBO AND FILL YOUR STUPID NOGGIN WITH LEAD... THEN HE'LL SWEEP ME UP IN HIS ARMS AND WE'LL MAKE OUT LIKE CRAZY, FOR HOURS AND HOURS.
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"...I GUESS WE'LL FIND OUT, WON'T WE?"
THE BOWERY.
SO DISPATCH GETS A FEW CALLS ABOUT A BUNCH OF SCREAMING AND YELLING, NOT UNUSUAL FOR THE AREA.
THEN CALLS COME IN ABOUT GUNSHOTS. ALSO, NOT UNUSUAL.
BUT AS YOU CAN SEE, "UNUSUAL" DOESN'T QUITE CUT IT.
THE DECEASED WAS ONE RYAN LANG. FORMER PD. NEIGHBORS SAID HE RARELY HAD VISITORS AND PRETTY MUCH KEPT TO HIMSELF.
LOOKS LIKE HE WAS TUCKED IN FOR A LONELY NIGHT OF SOLITAIRE...
...BUT MAYBE NOT SO ALONE, EH?
HARVEY BULLOCK IS A GOOD COP.
ANYWAY, THE PERP GOT WHAT HE WANTED AND FLED THE SCENE. ELEVATOR WASN'T THERE BUT SINCE HE JUST MURDERED AN EX-COP, HE WAS PROBABLY IN A HURRY SO DIDN'T WAIT.
KEEP IN MIND, THAT'S A FIVE-STORY DROP.
GOTHAM HAS TEETH THAT CAN SOMETIMES GNAW THE GOOD RIGHT OUT OF A MAN...BUT NOT BULLOCK. NOT YET.
WITNESS ON THE STREET SAID HE SAW A TALL, SKINNY DUDE WITH A WHITE FACE RUNNING OUT OF THE BUILDING AND HOLDING WHAT HE THINKS WAS A BOWLING BALL.

KINDA HARD TO TELL, BUT I DON'T SEE ANY BOWLING TROPHIES.
MOST OF HIM IS SCATTERED AROUND THE APARTMENT. THAT'S THE BIGGEST PIECE RIGHT THERE. BUT...
...WE HAVEN'T FOUND THE HEAD.
SO, THE "BOWLING BALL..."
S'WHAT I'M THINKIN', YEAH.
NO CUT MARKS ON THE BODY...
...WOUNDS INDICATE HE WAS PULLED APART.
CENSORED
LANG GOT OFF FIVE SHOTS.
HE WAS EX-S.W.A.T. EXPERT SHOOTER. HARD TO BELIEVE HE COULD MISS AT THIS RANGE.
HE DIDN'T.

MAGNUM ROUND WOULD DO A LOT OF DAMAGE. FROM THE LOOKS OF THE BLOOD SPATTER PATTERN, IT DID. AND YET HE MANAGED TO GET AWAY.
WHITE SKIN. GREEN HAIR. BONE. LOOKS LIKE A SKULL FRAGMENT. SURVIVED A HEADSHOT.
PEACHY. AND THEN OF COURSE THERE'S THIS...
GORDON PICKED A HELL OF A TIME TO GO FLY-FISHING.
HAHA
BREEP BREEP
BULLOCK.
IN PROGRESS? WHERE?
HEY, THERE'S A...
...OKAY, I'LL, AH... JUST MEET YOU THERE, THEN.

ALL I'M SAYIN' IS THAT IT'S ONE OF US UP THERE, WE SHOULD BE RUNNIN' THE SHOW, NOT GORDON'S PET BAT...
?
...WHADDAYA SAY, BLIX? AM I RIGHT OR AM I RIGHT?
BLIX, YOU STILL WITH US?
!
THERE ARE STILL GOOD COPS IN THIS CITY...
...COPS LIKE BULLOCK AND GORDON, WHO BELIEVE THAT WHAT THEY DO MATTERS--AND WHAT THEY DON'T DO MATTERS JUST AS MUCH.
DETECTIVE BLIX AND HIS CRONIES AREN'T THOSE COPS.
I PULL OUT OF MY DIVE A FEW FEET LOWER THAN NECESSARY.
DICK OFTEN POINTS OUT THAT I LACK A SENSE OF HUMOR...
HEY! MY HAIR!
ALL UNITS IN THE VICINITY, BE ADVISED OF A DISTURBANCE AT THE CANAL ST. STATION APARTMENTS...
...SUSPECT IS DESCRIBED AS A TALL MALE HAVING WHITE SKIN...
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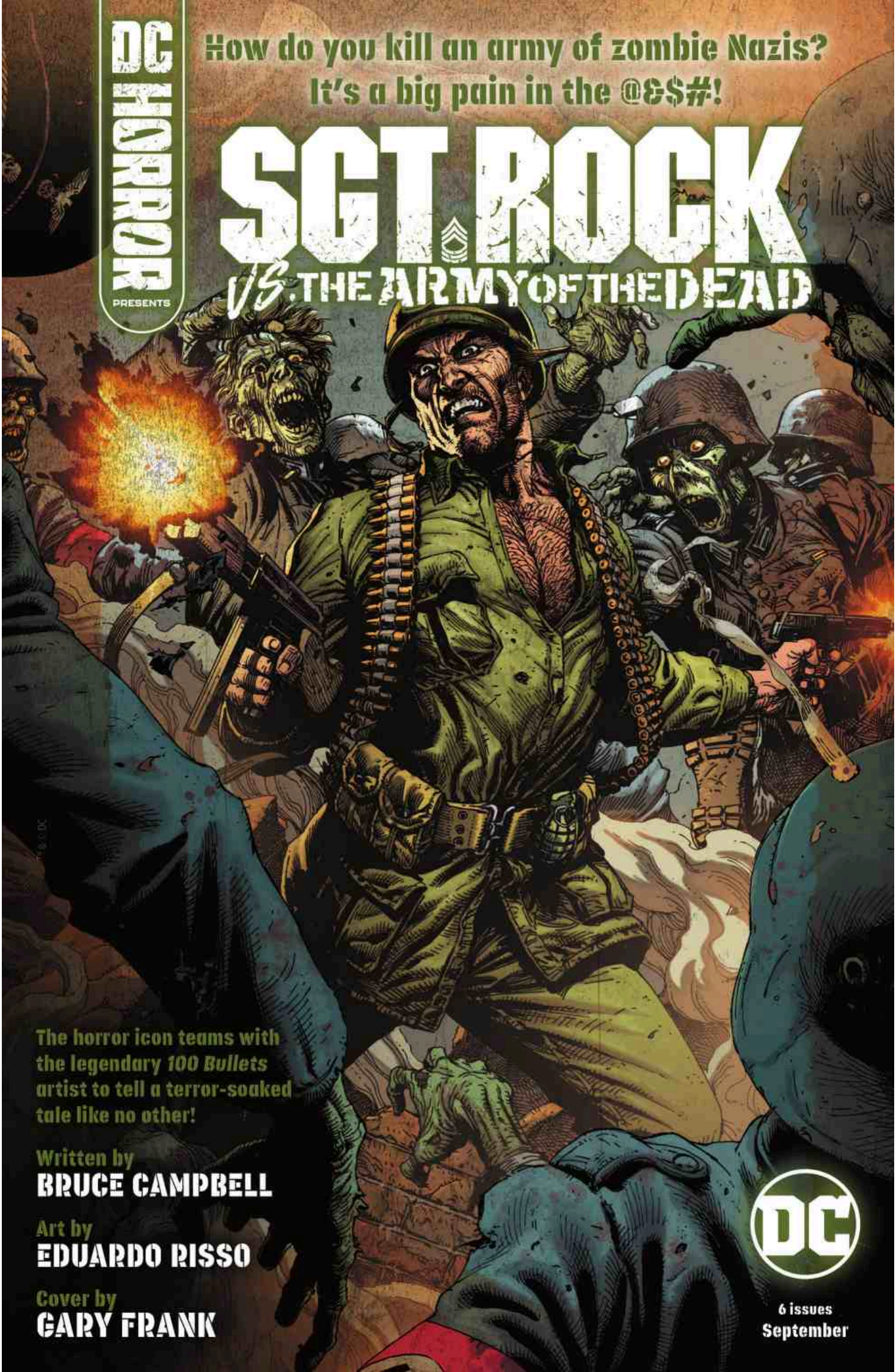
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INTERVIEW WITH MEGHAN FITZMARTIN AND RILEY ROSSMO

After years without his own book, the world's greatest Robin takes the solo spotlight in *Tim Drake: Robin*, a new ongoing series from writer Meghan Fitzmartin and artist Riley Rossmo.

What was the initial concept for this series?

Meghan Fitzmartin: When Riley and I were talking about *Robin* we discussed the specific element of Tim Drake being a detective. We referenced classic detective stories that we could emulate and pull into Tim Drake's world.

How do classic detective stories play into this first arc?

Fitzmartin: Classic detective stories is what this series is about! We run the gamut of this genre and even pay homage to *Scooby-Doo*. I knew Riley was the right person for this one when we were on the phone and he knew exactly the detective stories I was referencing.

Riley Rossmo: Meghan and I had a nice chat, and I was sold talking about the detective stuff in this series. I heard Sherlock Holmes, Poe, and that was it. I love that stuff! There's a lot of little secrets and Easter eggs for people who are into literary stuff.

How does this series evolve Tim Drake as a character?

Fitzmartin: He's been this perpetual teenager for a number of years. There comes a time for Tim to say, "I want to make my way out on my own." That's what this series is hoping to bring.

Rossmo: It's exciting to do a superhero comic that has space to do some romance and drama, alongside the swashbuckling and the detecting. I don't always get to do that more subtle acting.

What makes Tim Drake the "world's greatest Robin"?

Fitzmartin: He's the smartest and discovered who Batman was on his own. Tim actively sought out the role. With the information he had about Batman's identity, he didn't try and be famous or blackmail Bruce. He didn't do anything other than try to be helpful. To me, the core of Tim Drake is that his intelligence is perfectly paired with his empathy.

Rossmo: He's the smartest, and I think that's fair to say. He's not so angry of a Robin. I like Damian, but he can be a hard person.

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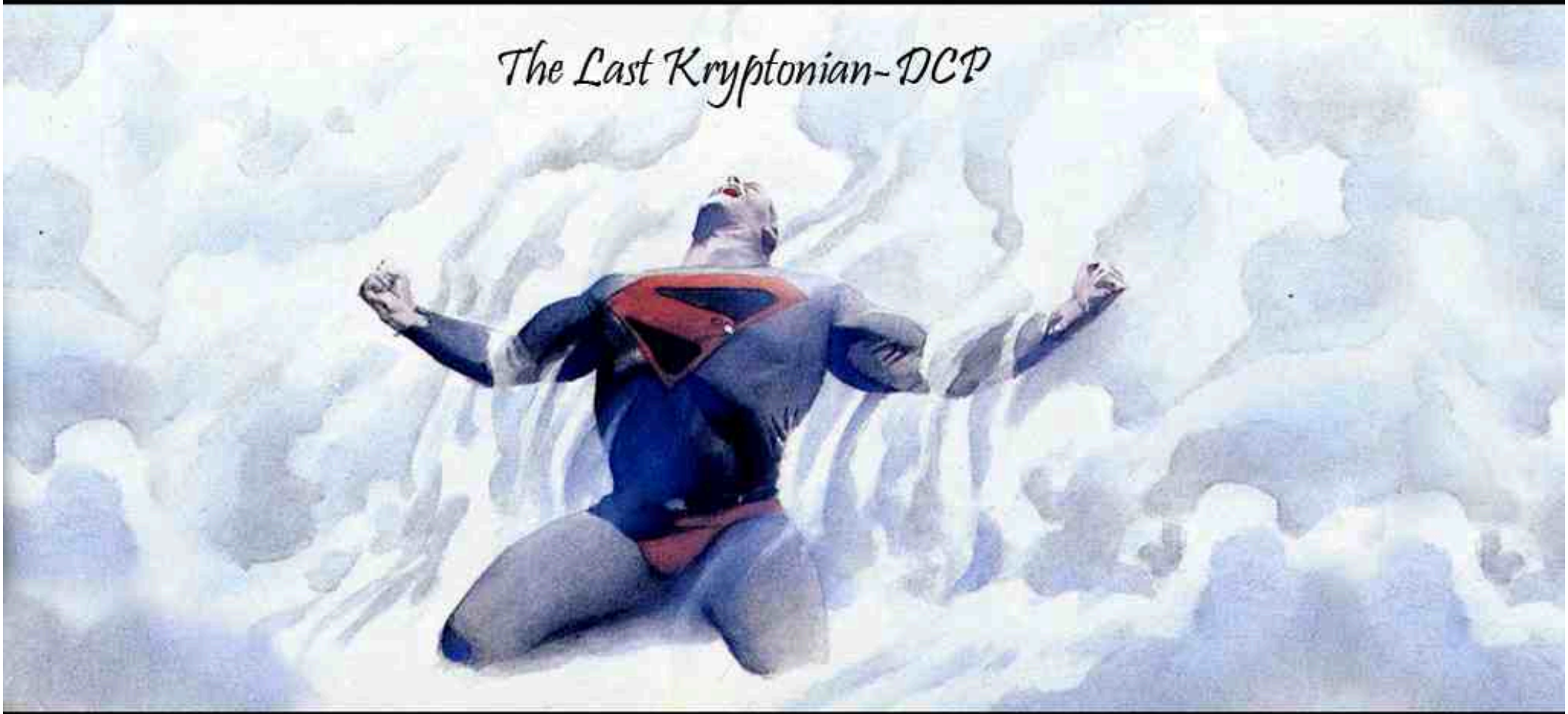
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